(b) The Government has decided that future production of gas from NELP fields, as also additional gas to be developed in future, by ONGC and OIL, as well as Joint Venture/Private Companies, would be sold at market related prices. NELP provisions do not envisage regulating the price of domestic natural gas through cost plus basis.

(c) The concept of fixing of price of natural gas through 'net-back basis' would imply that the price of natural gas is derived from a given or assumed benchmark after deducting all relevant costs, etc.

Revised norms for capital equity

813. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have revised the norms for capital equity for airlines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the said move was aimed so that only serious players enter the fast expanding aviation sector; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government are considering to enforce more strict safety measures for airlines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

(d) Safety measures prescribed in the form of rules, regulations and advisory circulars are laid down for compliance and reviewed from time to time as and when required. Regular compliance is monitored by the airlines operator during internal safety audits and by the DGCA during safety audits, surveillance inspections and spot checks.

Duty and tax on petrol and diesel

814. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are variations from country to country